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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO SECSTATE INFO USUN NY GENEVA JIDDA

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GENEVA FOR MOYNIHAN

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF ARAB CAMPAIGN TO
OUST ISRAEL FROM UNGA AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

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1. I MET THIS MORNING WITH FAHMY AND, SEPARATELY,
WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD TO DISCUSS
REFERENCE SUBJECT. RIAD LEAVES FOR JIDDA TOMORROW MORNING.

2. IN MEETING WITH FAHMY, I WENT THROUGH ALL THE POINTS
MADE IN REFTEL IN DETAIL AND EXPRESSED HOPE EGYPTIANS
BE WILLING USE THEIR INFLUENCE AT JIDDA TO
PREVENT AN INITIATIVE BEING TAKEN ON THE SUSPENSION ISSUE.
FAHMY'S REACTION WAS BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE. HE AGREED
THAT ANY SUCH STEP WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO MIDDLE EAST
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. QUITE APART FROM THE POSSIBILITY
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ISRAELI MIGHT THEN CONTEND IT IS NOT BOUND BY

PERTINENT UN RESOLUTIONS, FAHMY WAS CONCERNED THAT ANY SUCH ACT WOULD QUESTION EXISTENCE OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. SAME TIME, FAHMY SAID WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE HEAD OF STEAM THAT HAS GROWN UP AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED STATES ON THIS ISSUE. MUCH, HE ARGUED, DEPENDS UPON ISRAELI(S) BEHAVIOR. IF ISRAEL IS NOT DISPOSED TO BE REASONABLE, IT IS HARD TO PERSUADE THE NON-ALIGNED STATES THAT IT MAKES MUCH DIFFERENCE IF ISRAEL IS IN OR OUT OF THE JUNGA. "YOU HAVE NO IDEA", HE STATED, "OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF OAU OR NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS." IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP THEM ON TRACK WITHOUT BEING ACCUSED OF DISINTEREST. THIS LED HIM TO DIGRESS ON RECENT STATEMENTS (UNSPECIFIED) BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN. AS A FRIEND, HE CAUTIONED THAT MOYNIHAN SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT HE SAYS. OTHERWISE HE WILL FIND "30- 60" NON-ALIGNED DELEGATES PERSONALIZING THE ISSUES AND MAKING IT HARD FOR FRIENDS OF US TO MODERATE NON-ALIGNED STATES.

3. HAVING MADE ABOVE POINTS, FAHMY SAID HE HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED RIAD TO TRY TO HEAD OFF ANY SUSPENSION RESOLUTION AT THE JIDDA CONFERENCE. RIAD WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL HOW HE DOES IT, SINCE EGYPT CANNOT APPEAR TO BE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAELI'S DISREGARD OF ARAB RIGHTS THAN OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES. HE URGED THAT, IF WE HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, WE MAKE STRONG PITCH TO THE SAUDIS TO WORK WITH RIAD ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID WE WERE ALREADY TALKING WITH SAUDIS, BUT I DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE SAID TO THEM. WE HAD ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTHER DELGATES ON THE SUBJECT. FAHMY OBSERVED THAT, EVEN IF A RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY JIDDA CONFERENCE, WHICH HE HOPEL CAN BE AVOIDED, HE THOUGHT HE COULD QUASH SUBJECT AT UN THROUGH PROCEDURAL MEANS.

4. IN MEETING WITH MOHAMED RIAD, HE AFFIRMED THAT HE IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO TRY TO PREVENT PASSING OF SUSPENSION RESOLUTION. HE HAS IN MIND DOING SO BOTH INDIRECTLY AND DIRECTLY. INDIRECTLY, BY SOLICITING THE COOPERATION OF DELEGATIONS OF COUNTRIES WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED, IE. MALAYSIANS, INDONESIANS, JORDANIANS, ETC. HE ALSO KNEW FROM WASHINGTON THAT WE HAVE ALREADY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTACTED SAUDIS AND WILL TRY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM. IF DIRECT ACTION IS NEEDED, HE HAS IN MIND INSISTING THAT ANY SUCH RESOLUTION REQUIRE REFERENCE TO UNSC OR, IF SOMETHING LESS SPECIFIC IS NEEDED, HE WILL ASK FOR APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 7 OF UN CHARTER, WHICH REQUIRES REFERENCE TO UNSC. THERE VETO COULD APPLY. MATTER WILL HAVE TO BE HANDLED VERY DISCREETLY, HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES. HE THOUGHT IS ESSENTIAL THAT, IF RESOLUTION CANNOT BE STOPPED IN

JIDDA, EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO PREVENT RESOLUTION FROM
GOING TO UNGA.
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